centres are normally provided by the State Government/Department of Tourism. However, at some of the important centrally protected monuments, the Archaeological Survey of India has made provision for public conveniences including drinking water facility and toilets.

Introduction of Nutrition Programme in Schools

1593. SHRI S. AUSTIN: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to introduce nutrition programme by supplying nutritious food to all school children upto a certain age; and

(b) if so, the funds allocated therefor, Statewise?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND DEPARTMENT OF CULTURE) (KUMARI SELJA): (a) There is, at present no proposal to implement a Mid-day Meal programme for elementary school children throughout the country.

(b) Does not arise.

Facilities for Higher Education in Punjab

1594. SHRI IQBAL SINGH: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) what is the provision made during the financial year 1993-94 for providing facilities for higher education;

(b) whether it is a fact that the Government have not provided any help for development of higher education in the State of Punjab;

(c) if so, what are the reasons thereof; and

(d) what action Government propose to take (o provide assistance for higher education facilities for the State ?

THE DEPUTYMIN1STER IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND DEPARTMENT OF CULTURE) (KUMARI SELJA): (a) An amount of Rs. 140.50 crores has been allocated for 1993-94 for implementation of UGC plan programmes during the year in the field of higher education.

(b) to (d) No, Sir. According to the information furnished by UGC, the development grants allocated by the Commission to the Universities in Punjab for the 8th plan period and the amount actually released till 31-3-1993 are indicated below:—

(Rs. in lakhs)

University	8th plan allocation	Amount released as on 31-3-1993
Guru Nank Dev University	115.00	39.50
Punjab University	135.00	20.00
Punjabi University	130.00	12.00
TOTAL	380.00	71.50

Mahila Sankhya Programme in M. P.

1595. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Mahila Sankhya Programme is currently under operation in 10 districts in the country;

(b) if so, whether Government propose to expand the programme in another 20 districts;

(c) if so. how many districts are being covered in Madhya Pradesh under this scheme during 1993; and

(d) the number of districts so far covered in Madhya Pradesh ?

THE DEPUTY'MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND DEPARTMENT OF CULTURE) (KUMARI SELJA): (a) lo (d) The Mahila

Sankhya Programme is operational in fourteen districts of the States of Karnataka, Gujarat, Uttar Pradesh and Andhra Pradesh. The programme has been sanctioned to cover twenty districts in these States during the .Eighth Plan period.

Recognition to Youth by Nehru Yuva Kendras

1596. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether a new scheme for giving recognition to outstanding Youths by Nehru Yuva Kendras has been introduced; and

(b) if so, the number of national awards given under this scheme so far in Madya Pradesh ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DEPARTMENT OF YOUTH AFFAIRS & SPORTS WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS) (SHRI MUKUL WASNIK): (a) A new scheme entitled 'District Youth Award' has been started by the Nehru Yuva Kendra Sangathan sincee 1990-91. Under the scheme, four youth per District are given the awards which consist of a certificate and a cash award of Rs. 500 each. The awards are usually given during the National Youth Week celebrated in January every year.

(b) Since the award is a District level award, no National awards have been given in any State including Madhya Pradesh.

Recognition To Outstanding Youth Clubs

1597. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether a new scheme for giving recognition to outstanding youth clubs has been introduced:

(b) if so, what are the main purposes and features of the scheme:

(c; what are the names of the States covered by this scheme; and

(d) how many out of them are functioning in Madhya Pradesh ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DEPARTMENT OF YOUTH AFFAIRS & SPORTS WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS) (SHRI MUKUL WASNIK): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. A New scheme forgiving recognition to outstanding youth clubs has been introduced and is being implemented by the Nehru Yuva Kendra Sangathan. The scheme has been introduced in order to encourage growth of youth clubs in the field.

The scheme is implemented at a 3-tier level i.e. district, state and national. The district level winner is awarded Rs. 5,000 whereas the state level winner is awarded Rs. 20,000. At the national level, there are three awards of Rs. 1,00,000, Rs. 50,000 and Rs. 25,000.

The awardees are selected on the basis of their performance in various specified activities.

(c) and (d) The scheme is applicable in all the States and Union Territories. In Madhya Pradesh, 17 district level winners were selected out of which one state level winner has also been selected.

National Institute of Youth Development

1598. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government propose to establish a national Institute of Youth Development for providing training for the youths;

(b) if so, what are the main functions and aims of this institute; and

(c) how many youths from Madhya Pradesh have been provided training through this institute ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DEPARTMENT OF YOUTH AFFAIRS & SPORTS WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS) (SHRI MUKUL WASNIK); (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The aims and functions of the Institute are given in the Statement *(See* below).

(c) The institute has been set up recently and is still in the process of finalising the programmes and schedules for training, and other activities.